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HOLD ON TO THE PLOW.

A few trips during the past year or two from home among communities of deaf-mutes residing in cities and villages, we regret to say, have sadly convinced us of the fact that comparatively few deaf and dumb men are proving faithful to their respective occupations. We have encountered no small number of them who had good occupations, promising steady employment had they proved faithful to duty.

Some employees quit their situations, they said, because their wages were too small, some on account of hard and dirty labor; some were discharged because they were unsteady. Others bade adieu to the certainties of employment which they possessed for the uncertainties of the peddlars' life, thinking it was more lucrative and less laborious.

True, some left their places by reason of mean, unjust treatment, their employers considering them below the common level of humanity, because they were faithful and skilled employees, fully capable of performing well the duties assigned them; but still there is a large number of deaf-mutes who have deserted their good positions without substantial reasons. Many of this latter class have gone traveling, tramping or peddling. Large numbers of the "visiting" sort of deaf-mutes, having obtained leave of absence from their employers, have overstayed their leave of absence so long that their places have been filled with others.

After leaving situations promising steady employment, at fair wages, part of which might have been laid away for future purposes, they have seldom found better paying places, often not as good, and sometimes none whatever. The result has frequently been that, instead of learning wisdom from past experience in folly, they have persisted in their folly, because of their discouragements in not finding large salaried positions at their command, and have continued their traveling experiment from one place to another, in the vain hope of finally striking a good bargain on wages. Failing in this, they once more "jump from the frying pan into the fire," and adopt peddling for their livelihood. In this, if they make anything at all, they generally get from twenty to fifty cents a day—merely charity money—obtaining meals and lodging by bartering away trivial articles for them which the people do not want.

After tramping about for a while these peddlars' clothing gets rusty and seedy, their toes are projecting from their shoes or boots, as if in search of pure air or clean water, and away goes the scanty store of earnings, or rather of charity, into the hands of some Jew or other dealer, in "shop work" in exchange for a suit but little if any better than the cast-off apparel. This last trade is usually the "straw that breaks the camel's back." With out money to purchase more of the worthless trash, and winter approaching, these tramps wend their way cityward to escape the severity of the cold and storms. Here they loaf around, living off their friends, if they have such, and the best way they can if they have none. Soon falling into vices and vagabondage, they are picked up by the police and lodged in the station houses with other rowdies and criminals. We need not trace their career farther. Drawing a veil over the picture, we leave our readers to conjecture the final end of their career. Suffice it to say that their end is a disgrace to true manhood, if they do not, as is often the case, finally fill a drunkard's or a criminal's grave. But should not the worst be their fate, they are at least a disgrace to their friends and a public bore.

The deaf and dumb of course are not the only people who fill up the bill

we have described, but we would impress our class with the idea that if they would be a blessing and not a curse to society, live honorable and comfortable lives, by the industry of their hands in the employ of others, it is necessary for them to be faithful to their labor and true to those who employ them. If you must live by labor, dependent upon others for employment, never leave a situation for a better paying one until you have secured it. Unsteady habits are the only cause why so many deaf-mutes are to-day out of respectable employment and are tramping through the country, at the best only making a precarious living by peddling, which, in the case of the deaf and dumb, simply means nothing more than begging.

Our advice to all deaf-mutes, whose dependence is upon the employment of other people, is to stick to your positions till you are certain that you can find better ones, even though the work may be hard, the wages small, and you have no other deaf-mutes for your society. Be frugal with your earnings. Dress comfortably and respectfully, but do not spend too much money for fine clothing. Save some of your earnings to fall back on in your declining years. If you prove faithful in humble positions the chances are that your services will be appreciated, and eventually you may obtain situations where the work will be pleasanter with an increase of wages.

NOTICE TO "E. L."

Your communication is received and held for further orders." Not knowing much concerning the individual whom you express a wish to caution people against, we will simply say that if you desire us to publish the article sent we will do so over the signature of your full name only.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Prof. Job Turner will hold a service for deaf-mutes at Saco, Me., on the 22d inst.

A Table,

For those who use the Book of Common Prayer.

SEPT. 15th, 1878.

MORNING SERVICE.

The Psalter for the 15th day of the month, or Selection.

1st Lesson—Deut. viii.
2d Lesson—Matthew xxiii.

English Lectionary.

1st Lesson—2 Kings vi. 1-24 or vii.

2d Lesson—2d Cor. vi. v. 2.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

EVENING SERVICE.

The Psalter for the 15th day of the month, or Selection.

1st Lesson—Deut. ix.

2d Lesson—James v.

English Lectionary.

1st Lesson—2d Kings vi. 1-24 or vii.

2d Lesson—Mark xi. v. 35 to xii. 1-14.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

It is pleasant to record that occasionally a kind act is soon rewarded, and that the man who imperils his life to save others sometimes receives a substantial recompence. While the White Star steamer Britannic was lying at her dock in New York, on the 21st of April, 1878, a rowboat containing four boys was upset near it. William Young, the steward of the vessel, jumped into the river and saved the four. As a reward the silver medal of the Life-saving Benevolent Association of New York and a fifty dollar cash present have been given to Mr. Young.

The city of Memphis is in a very deplorable condition. A despatch of the yellow fever said: Our city at present is one vast charnel house. The undertakers report ninety-six interments for the twenty-four hours ending at six o'clock this evening. Of these ninety-three were caused by yellow fever; seventy-six were white and twenty colored. A visit to the undertaker's establishment to-day brought out the fact that at nightfall there were about sixty more reported dead and still unburied. The question of disposing of the dead is becoming a serious one.

Robert Allen Coffin, aged seventy-seven, the oldest living graduate of Amherst College, died at Conway, Mass., on the 4th inst. He was the first student registered for admission to that college at its opening in 1821. He was also the founder of the Warren Female Seminary, of Rhode Island; author of the history of Conway, and a work on natural philosophy; a contributor to *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1856-57. He was brother of the late James H. Coffin, LL. D., Meteorologist of the Smithsonian Institution and Professor in Lafayette College.

ANOTHER FAT MAN REDUCED.

H. A. Kurcs, dealer in dry goods, Woodhull, Ill., writes: BOTANIC MEDICINE CO., Buffalo, N. Y., June 22d, 1878: "Gentlemen—Please find enclosed \$5.00, for which send me, by express, Anti-Fat. I have taken one bottle and I lost five and one-quarter pounds."

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The Itemizer.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to associations of deaf-mutes, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column; mark items so sent: *The Itemizer*.

The West Virginia Institution opened on Monday, September 2d.

JAMES MCKINNEY has been appointed supervisor of the blind boys at the Virginia Institution.

The *Tablet*, the first appearance of an institution paper among all that suspended publication on account of vacation which has appeared to us since the re-opening of the schools, graced our table last Saturday and was greatly welcomed by the students.

GEORGE CONNOR, a deaf-mute, of the New York Institution, but for the last few years employed in the large shoe manufacturing establishment of Gray Brothers, Syracuse, N. Y., has entered the Central New York Institution to finish his education.

AN ADROIT hand of thieves have been "working" Paris with the deaf "racket." An old gentleman arrived at a wine-shop at the hour when it was most crowded, and gave an order: When his liquor was brought to him he cried out in the high, harsh tones so often noticed among the deaf that he had not been given what he had asked for; then having secured the attention of the guests proceeded to make inquiries about an imaginary resident of the neighborhood. He shouted, and the waiter had to bellow in reply, and as the deaf man made the most ludicrous mistakes in attempting to catch his meaning everybody laughed, and the merry customers grieved the poor man to their hearts' content till he got angry and departed. Meanwhile his accomplices hid broken into the upper stories of the wine-shop and rifled them during the confusion. Over fifty robberies of this kind had been committed when M. Jacob, the famous head of the detective service, pounced on the gang. He had seen three men slip into a doorway at dusk while a fourth entered the wine-shop, and followed the latter, giving orders to the other officers to secure the three accomplices. Signing to a policeman to accompany him, Jacob entered the shop, and just as the man, with his hand to his ear, was bawling, "Louder—I'm deaf!" he remarked, in an ordinary tone of voice, "This fellow'll escort you to the police surgeon." The deaf man drew a knife and attempted to dash out, but Jacob knocked him down with his life-preserver and handcuffed him. All four men proved to be notorious thieves; subsequently five others, including two women, were taken. About 6,000 francs in money, together with jewels, watches and an immense quantity of valuable goods, clothes, &c., were found at their headquarters.—*Ex.*

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R. P. Atwood, of Massachusetts, stopped in Rome on his return from the Columbus Convention, and was the guest of Professor Chamberlain.

ALBERT C. HARGRAVE, of East Boston, Mass., says: "My friends take much interest in reading the *Journal*, and I hope it will be a success."

DAVID SILVERMAN, a deaf-mute, has been arrested in Syracuse, charged with burglary and larceny at the houses of C. S. Cody and D. A. Hubbard.

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Two deaf-mutes, graduates of the West Virginia Institution, were among the forty converts at a camp-meeting recently held at Springfield, W. Va.

Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN, wife of Professor Chamberlain, of the Central New York Institution, has gone to Chicago to remain throughout the fall months.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS, who left the West Virginia Institution three years ago on account of sickness, has returned from Nebraska improved in health, and again entered that school.

WE understand that Messrs. Simpson and Freeman, recent graduates of the National Deaf-Mute College, have received positions as instructors, the former in Iowa and the latter in Georgia.

THE PROFESSORS of the Central New York Institution are well supplied with dogs. Professor Johnson has a shepherd dog and Professors Chamberlain and Selby a young spaniel each.

PUPILS are somewhat slow in returning to school at the Virginia Institution, but the number in attendance this year is expected to be as large as, if not greater than, in former years.

A live snake, two inches long, of the "garber" kind, was found fifteen feet below the surface of the earth where a cistern was being dug for the Virginia Institution. How the "sarpint" got there history has not recorded.

JACOB E. TUTTLE writes from Harvard, Ill., under date of September 3d, that six tramps are in jail for stealing his satchel. He says they tore it open, but he found his chronos and papers all right, and that he is going to Palestine to sell 100 chronos.

ELIAS J. WOLSTON, of Springfield, O., and George Van Doran, of Franklin, O., were guests of the ever hospitable Elliott Mann at Dayton O., August 31st. It is gratifying to add that there is not one deaf-mute in Dayton who is either out of work or standing idle.

THE CENTRAL NEW YORK INSTITUTION has commenced the erection, on its lot of six and one-half acres, of a brick building 101 by 44 feet, designed to provide lodgings, study, school, and general accommodations for sixty pupils, with the proper officers. It will be completed about December.

MISS EMMA BEEBE has lately been painting a portrait of Mr. Henry Humphries, editor of the *Independent*.

MRS. JOSIAH AVERILL and MRS. HIRAM BARBER, both of whom have been sick for a long time, still continue uninproved.

BLACKBERRIES still make their appearance, occasionally, but are so low that they can be bought almost at the buyers' own terms.

NED STONE, of Baldwinsville, was in town last Monday. He goes to New York this week to attend the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

THE EDITOR of the *Journal*, and his son Eddie, took a trip to the northern part of the State last week. During their absence the editor delivered a lecture at Potsdam.

WE ARE PLEASED to see that Ebenezer WHITNEY, who was stricken with paraplegia last fall, is so much improved as to be able to walk down town occasionally and see his friends.

OUR COUNTY FAIR opened to-day (Tuesday) and will continue till Thursday night. Present indications, provided the weather is favorable, are encouraging for a good fair this year.

LAST THURSDAY we received a very pleasant call from G. W. SWANSON, of Camden, a former proprietor of the Empire House in this village, who was spending the winter novelties.

HE GOT A GLIMPSE of General Santa Anna in the city, and shook hands with him. The General was made some stops around town.

THE CHURCHES in this village took contributions last Sunday for the benefit of yellow fever sufferers at the South. The call was cheerfully responded to, but the whole amount obtained we have not ascertained.

AT THE REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTION held at Pulaski last Saturday, for the third district of this county, Hon. D. W. C. PECK, of this village, was one of the five delegates chosen to represent the district at the congressional convention.

WALTER COLE, who has been a telegraph operator for several years in Rome, has thrown up his position there, returned to his home here, and engaged at clerking for J. HOUSE, a position his brother "Dip" filled with great credit for nine years, but which he was recently compelled to resign on account of continued poor health.

WE LEARN that "Dip" is going to the sea shore.

A SISTER of C. F. TULLER, Mrs. M. M. CURTISS, was recently accidentally and fatally poisoned at her home at Ottawa, Ill. Mrs. CURTISS was unwell and in taking what she supposed was quinine she took a large dose of strichnine which was in a paper similar to the one containing the quinine and two children were one day at dinner in a log cabin they were so much frightened by the sudden opening of the front door, and the appearance of a party of savages, that they ran out of the room and clambered into the attic by means of a ladder. The savages discovered and ate up the dinner. The father looked down at them out of the attic and the Indians went out to bring some more savages, perhaps to kill and scalp the family.

WHILE MR. STEENROD and myself were the other day riding in his buggy, he showed me the steep rock down which General McCULLOUGH leaped on horseback while he was pursued by Indians many years ago. His nephew, a deaf-mute, attended the Philadelphia Institution with Mr. Steenrod. He is now dead. Mr. Steenrod's father was one of the earliest pioneers of this country and saw no one but the Indians and their wigwams.

MR. STEENROD says that while his parents and two children were one day at dinner in a log cabin they were so much frightened by the sudden opening of the front door, and the appearance of a party of savages, that they ran out of the room and clambered into the attic by means of a ladder. The savages discovered and ate up the dinner. The father looked down at them out of the attic and the Indians went out to bring some more savages, perhaps to kill and scalp the family.

WHEN THE SAVAGES reached the door, they found the father and mother dead, and the two children missing. The savages took the children and carried them off.

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Correspondence.

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THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH.

CHICAGO, Ill., September 1, 1878.
EDITOR JOURNAL:—In an editorial not long ago you took occasion to say, in reply to the complaint of some one "down East," about the JOURNAL publishing a great amount of Episcopalian news, that you only did so because of the great number of items sent you from that source, and not that your paper was an organ of that church, and that you would as cheerfully publish items from other churches.

Taking you at your word, I send you the enclosed item about Rev. Mr. Mercer. I do so for several reasons. One is because of the little known of the New Jerusalem Church, to which Rev. Mr. Mercer belongs, and my desire that it should be better known, even by those belonging to other churches or no church at all, who claim to know all about the N. C. doctrine, yet continue to misrepresent it, in order to mislead others.

I strangely and casually ran across the N. C. doctrine while living in Kansas, and thought I would examine it for myself, when lo! I found it to be entirely different from what it had been represented to be, and far more rational, consistent and harmonious with the natural sciences than any other doctrine I knew of them or have come across since; and to cap the climax, it actually has made me wiser as to the laws of nature and life, and better in heart, etc., etc., than I could be without it. Mrs. C. A. Cotton, of whom you gave notice, not long ago, of her joining a church, but somehow omitted to say the New Jerusalem Church, says it is everything to her as to life, doctrines, etc.

The word *New* does not mean a new sect, but the descending of the New Jerusalem spoken of in Revelation, by the unfolding of the internal meaning of the Bible, by the science or doctrine of correspondence—science of causes—which underlie all things, because there is nothing without a cause; and when we get at the cause we get at the foundation.

Now as the cause is older than the effects, this science of correspondence—doctrine of causes—can in no sense be new in age or beginning, but only new to those who first hear of it, and is consequently as old as the world, and was the real doctrine of Adam's time; and therefore takes precedence to all other doctrines in age, importance, use, etc. This may look strange, but if examined into will be found strictly true, as the causes of the earth, sun, moon, stars, air, light, heat, herbs, flowers, fish, fowls, animals, men, etc., must in the very nature of things precede the effects. And these causes are what Scripture means in its internal sense, though in the letter it means the external objects. Hence to fully and rightly understand Scripture we must understand what it means in all these objects, i.e., its symbolism.

I have met with many old Virginians in my missionary travels. Mr. Park has been connected with this institution ever since it was completed, in 1868. He is married and has a comfortable house of his own. He is a graduate of this institution.

I have just had a call from Mr. Patterson, a graduate of this institution and the National Deaf-Mute College, who is one of the teachers in this institution. He is married and owns a house.

Mr. Greener, one of the deaf-mute teachers, is, I believe, well educated, for he writes for several papers. He wields his pen well. He is married and has one child, if I do not mistake. He manifested great kindness in showing me the classes last June. He has my hearty thanks.

Mr. Raffington, one of the deaf-mute instructors, is now absent on a visit to his parents in Jamaica, N. Y., but will soon return to resume his duties. He was born there, and was sent to this institution for an education.

Mr. Park's son James, a graduate of this institution and the National Deaf-Mute College, is an instructor. He is married and has a home of his own.

Mr. Hause, a graduate of this institution, is a teacher. He is married, and has two building lots in this place, which shows that he is a shrewd business man.

Superintendent Fay is a gentleman of great energy and efficiency in every thing. His place could not be well filled. I start for Wheeling, in half an hour.

Yours sincerely,
John Turner.

P. A. EMERY.

NOTES FROM PROFESSOR JOHNSON TURNER.

FINDING MANY FRIENDS IN COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 28, 1878.

MY DEAR MR. RIDER:—Arriving here from Newport, Ky., last night, I am stopping at the Ohio Institution for a few hours' rest. I go away to night to hold a service in Wheeling, W. Va., next Sunday.

This morning I called on Mr. Plum M. Park, the oldest teacher in this institution, and had quite an interesting time conversing with him about the school since its establishment. I think it proper to tell your readers what he has witnessed since he entered upon his duties in 1838. In that year Mr. Hubbell, the first principal of this institution, appointed him teacher, with the approbation of the trustees. He had been about six years under instruction. No remarkable event transpired during his pupilage, and every

thing went on smoothly, so he says. Before Mr. Hubbell became principal, Mr. Clerc gave him instruction about two years in the method of teaching deaf-mutes, after which he entered upon his duties, which he performed for about twenty-three years, when he resigned and retired to private life, and expired in about four years, leaving one daughter, and three sons, one of whom is now an instructor of deaf-mutes in this institution, and has been for nine years. Mr. Park says he has been serving under five different principals. He has but one deaf-mute son, who has been educated in this institution, and also at the National Deaf-Mute College, and who is now following the honorable profession which his father has been so long engaged in.

The lecture was well received, and after its close remarks on reading were made by Manager Packard and Mr. Bailey, of Beverly. The latter paid a high compliment to the college in which Mr. White is a junior, and which was responded to by Salem's representative in that grand institution.

The Salem Society of Deaf-Mutes is on the road to success, and long may peace and harmony dwell therein.

PERCINE.

Salem, Mass., Sept. 6, 1878.

CHICAGO PUPIT SKETCHES.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—In a series of "Pulpit Pictures," being published in the Chicago *Inter Ocean*, the Rev. Mr. Mercer's was sketched in the issue of July 1st. The article abounds in the usual number of personal descriptions and flattery common to modern journalistic interviews, but makes some statements which will doubtless interest the readers of the JOURNAL. We quote the following:

"Hershey Music Hall is on Sunday almost severe in its churchly arrangements. In front of the stage is a simple platform with the desks corresponding to those in Episcopalian pulpits. Around the platform is a neat railing, and behind it, on the stage, is a large vase with clusters of flowers.

On the platform, as a seat for the minister, is a single cane seat chair. A skillful hand presides at the organ and near him sits the gentleman who leads the singing, and whose voice gives such rare expression and forcible animation to the musical exercises.

The congregation seated on the cane seat chairs in front, is a study. The people come in quietly and are remarkably quiet after being seated. There is no bustle or confusion; no consciousness of the presence of an alien element; no discordant jars or frictions.

The service, resembling that of the Episcopal church in many particulars, is touchingly beautiful. The congregation sing the responsive verses and with good effect. In conducting the services Mr. Mercer takes positions and attitudes corresponding to those taken by ministers in the Episcopalian service. From first to last the devotional exercises are impressive and beautiful, both pastor and people displaying unusual earnestness.

Mr. Mercer's sermons are carefully written, and abound in expressions that are exceedingly graceful.

He is in his element when preaching, being bold and fearless perhaps to suit those whose faults he is not afraid to criticize. His sermons are always full of what the deaf-mutes call "hints," by which they mean his plain reproofs of the habits of tatting, tale-bearing, fault-finding, etc., which alas! are the characteristics of too many of them.

It is said that bad news travels faster than good news, and so it has been illustrated by the deaf-mutes from time immemorial; a person may well believe that they employ a bird of the air as their regular messenger, so rapidly does a personal slander travel in the silent community.

Any report, no matter how absurd and unfounded it may be, spreads like wildfire among our class of people.

Often has Mr. Packard been asked to refrain from all reference to the views of his congregation in his sermons, but he steadily refuses to gag his mouth to spare the tender consciences of a few wicked doers; nay, he would not even wink at what seems discreditable to his eyes on the part of his people. He braves even the displeasure of his friends rather than do what his conscience does not approve.

Of all the deaf-mute preachers whom I have listened to, outside of the Episcopal church, none struck me more forcibly as being eminently the right man in the right place, and to none other have I ever listened with more interest and attention, excepting one whom it is not necessary to name here. The study of Scripture is the aim of his whole life, as the number of books in his library, which treat of the Bible, shows. Whatever may be his qualifications in worldly matters, he is perfectly at home in his holy calling, as his sermons and expositions of the Bible will convince any one. No deaf-mute understands the Bible more thoroughly than he. Such were my impressions of Mr. Packard, and I hope I may be pardoned for writing them for your per-

son.

P. A. E.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3, 1878.

THE WISCONSIN DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

DELAWARE, WIS., SEPTEMBER 6, 1878.

The school at the Wisconsin Institution opened yesterday with a hundred and twenty-two pupils to begin with.

Like last June, when every face was a sun of itself, all walked with joyous hearts to the institution, beautifully located about a mile from the depot on an elevated spot, where the usual greeting ceremonies took place.

The hour was so late when the train arrived that there was no more time than to take supper, sport in the study rooms a while and retire. The future of this term is destined to be successful. The classes are to be graded anew, and competent teachers will take charge of them.

Out of the nine now on duty two

are newly appointed, one being W. J.

Fuller, of Geneva Lake, Wis., a graduate

of the State University, the other

Miss Ritscher, a graduate of the high

school at Beloit, Wis.

The building is in a splendid condition, having been pretty well dipped in varnish and the like, and has got

nearly clear of the scandal recently

perpetrated against it. As to officers,

some alterations have been made.

The removal of the steward has been

effected, and that office abolished. A

clerk is now the principal's only assistant.

Principal De Motte still retains

control of the institution and shares

the confidence of the community.

JENIUS.

The DEAF-MUTE JOURNAL has a

larger circulation than any other paper

in the world devoted to the interests

of deaf-mutes.

The lecturer pointed out the way by

which they could cultivate a taste for

reading, and advised them when reading not to go with a hop, skip and jump, but with a slow and measured tread.

He gave illustrations of great

and lettered men, who, when young,

were indefatigable readers. Such

were Scott, McCauley, and Kitts. The

last named, himself deaf, has made

his name world-wide through his val-

uable books. The lecturer closed his

address by reminding his audience

that what has once been done can be

done again.

The rooms of the above-named so-

cieties are located upon Essex street,

one of the principal thoroughfares of

Salem, within easy access to the de-

pot. This street on Saturday eve-

ning presents a busy aspect, swarming

as it does with human life, remind-

ing a visitor from the Hub of his fa-

vorite promenade, Washington street.

The members of the society are not all

Salem; some come from Beverly and

adjacent towns. A reading-room

where a few of the best papers of the

day are to be found, and a modest lit-

tle apartment which serves as the

chapel or lecture room as the case may be, make up the Salem Society of Deaf-

Mutes. The JOURNAL on file has an admirable specimen of Henry A.

Chapman's skill as an artist, or rather

an architect, for he has served an ap-

prenticeship in that profession.

Neatness and order seem to be the

rule of the day, and nowhere else as

in the room where divine service is

held and lectures are delivered as a

stranger more struck with the truth of

this. The order of religious exercises

differs in a great degree from that ob-

served by other societies of the same

kind, viz.: that the Bible-class is held

in the morning and the sermon is de-

livered in the afternoon. But the

deaf-mutes of Salem are not the only

ones to blame in this respect; there

are few here or elsewhere who have

formed the habit of reading regularly.

The chief ornament of the room, and

which attracts the visitor's attention

at the first glance, is a handsomely

framed copy of the by-laws and rules

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ning presents a busy aspect, swarming

as it does with human life, remind-

ing a visitor from the Hub of his fa-

vorite promenade, Washington street.

The members of the society are not all

Salem; some come from Beverly and

adjacent towns. A reading-room

where a few of the best papers of the

